

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-7 and 12-15 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 1, 3, 7 and 15 are amended; Claims 2 and 8-11 are canceled; and no claims are added herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1 and 4-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,801,250 to Miyashita; and Claims 2, 3 and 8-15 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

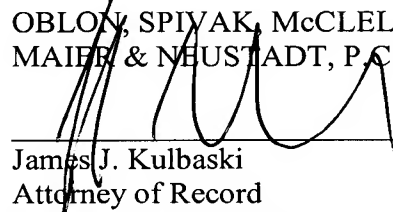
Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claim 1 is amended by the present amendment to include the allowable features recited in Claim 2. Therefore, all pending Claims 1, 3-7 and 12-15 are in condition for allowance.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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